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QIN, ET AL.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction/Election mailed September 21, 2001, Applicants request further examination in light of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present claims in view of the following remarks.

**I. Formal Matters:**

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action requires restriction between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-7, 10-19 and 21 drawn to a method of making a wettable superabsorbent material;

**CERTIFICATION OF MAILING**

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